

LEAD FACTSHEET**Lead and Copper Rule (LCR)**

- EPA expects to propose revisions to the LCR this summer. Revisions are anticipated to include:
 - Requiring lead service line inventories that are available to the public;
 - Monitoring, modeling and potentially enhancing corrosion control treatment;
 - Prioritizing lead service line replacement in the most impacted communities;
 - Enhancing communication about lead (e.g. risks).
- Final rules are typically released one year after they are proposed but given that the LCR revisions are a White House priority, that timeline may be shorter in this case.

Newark

- EPA sent a letter on March 19th to Mayor Baraka offering Newark support from our accredited laboratory in Edison, NJ to analyze drinking water sequential monitoring samples their contractor, CDM Smith, is collecting as part of their corrosion control treatment study.
- In early March, EPA conducted a joint assessment with NJDEP of Newark Water Department to assess Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) compliance. We are reviewing data and information from the visit.
- EPA has and will continue to assist NJDEP, as requested, in technical review of documents, and/or implementation of the LCR.
 - EPA has been closely engaged with NJDEP as they develop plan to address Newark's drinking water concerns, as well as to evaluate the systems that purchase water from Newark Water Department.
- While the NJ-DWSRF program may not have sufficient funds to address Newark's request (~\$75 million) for lead service line replacement, EPA is working with NJDEP to maximize the flexibility of its DWSRF program and has worked with NJDEP to fully utilize the transfer of funds from CWSRF to DWSRF to provide more funds for DWSRF projects, such as the lead replacement project in Newark.

Other Lead Concerns

- EPA has and will continue to provide technical support on LCR implementation, as requested, on other NJ systems with lead action level exceedances (e.g. Suez Hackensack).

Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) Grants

- Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water (FY18 - \$20M; FY19 - \$25M)
 - Noncompetitive grant program – states applied for funding by submitting of Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) from the state governor or designee
 - States, including New Jersey, will receive allocation distribution amounts in April 2019
- Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities (FY18 - \$20M; FY19 - \$25M)
 - Noncompetitive grant program – states, territories and tribes are eligible to apply for and receive funds
 - Requires a 45% match
 - Amount of funding available to states will be based on an allocation formula similar to that of the DWSRF, and will be announced in April 2019
- Reducing Lead in Drinking Water (FY18 - \$10M)
 - Announcement/release of a Request for Applications expected in summer 2019
 - Requires a 20% match
 - Community water systems, as well as municipality or state agencies, among others, are eligible to apply